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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/986,114

Applicant(s)

YAMAMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

Behrooz Senfi

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1 – 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vock et al (US 6,320,173) in view of Yokota et al. (US 5,905,530).

Regarding claim 1, Vock '173 discloses the claimed limitations "a ball motion measuring apparatus" (i.e. fig. 1), and "a CCD camera for photographing a flying ball " (i.e. fig. 1, camera 19), and "a display section for displaying " (i.e. fig. 9, LCD display). Vock '173 fails to explicitly teach "magnifying process for enlarging a specific area of an image". However, such features are well known and used as evidenced by Yokota '530 (fig. 2, col. 30, lines 15+). Therefore, taking the combined teaching of Vock '173 and Yokota '530 as a whole, it would have been obvious to modify the image processing with image enlarging circuit, for the purpose of magnification and enlargement of a specific area of the image as taught by Yokota '530 (col. 30, lines 15+).

Regarding claim 2, combination of Vock '173 and Yokota '530 teach the claimed "viewing angle of 10 degrees or more" (i.e. fig. 1, angle ϕ of Vock).

Regarding claims 3 and 6, combination of Vock '173 and Yokota '530 teach "a ball motion measuring apparatus" (i.e. fig. 1 of Vock), and "a CCD camera for photographing a flying ball" (i.e. fig. 1, camera 19 of Vock), and teaches "tracker initial calibration" (col. 13, lines 50+ of Vock), and "correcting a error made by a distortion caused by a lens of the CCD camera" (i.e. fig. 19, abstract of Yokota).

Regarding claim 4, combination of Vock '173 and Yokota '530 teaches "correction ratio determined by a distance from the center of the original image," reads on (fig. 19, col. 9, lines 35+ of Yokota '530).

Regarding claims 5, 7 and 8, combination of Vock '173 and Yokota '530 teaches the claimed "viewing angle of 10 degrees or mare" (i.e. fig. 1, angle ϕ , wide angle of Vock).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Behrooz Senfi** whose telephone number is **(703)305-0132**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chris Kelley** can be reached on **(703)305-4856**.

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